

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2011
6:30 PM**

Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Press Journal*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou-present
Councilwoman Zamechansky-absent
Mayor McHale-present

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Administrator Perkins' Report

9/11 tenth anniversary-there will be an interfaith service at 9:00AM at the high school and a twilight service that evening. There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday at 10:00AM

Mr. Perkins stated that the Best Practices questionnaire from the State has arrived. He, the Borough Clerk and the CFO worked on it. As of now, we are at 92%, which translates into receipt of 100% share of State Aid for 2012.

He and the CFO attended seminars pertaining to Health Benefit Reform. They will be meeting to talk about implementation.

The Environmental Joint Insurance Fund did an inspection of the DPW. This was the third year in a row that there were no deductions.

The DPW has made a list of every street in town and what the easement is from the curb line based on the measurements from the center of the road.

After speaking with Delta Dental, we will bring in a PPO, which is an addition to the policy and will be a savings of approximately \$7,000 per year to the Borough. The only affect it will have on the employees is that there will be less out-of-pocket expense.

Councilman Carrick asked about drainage at the Library.

Attorney's Report

The Phase II bid opening had to be postponed to August 30th.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McHale asked if photos were taken of the flooding on Washington Avenue near Cresskill Avenue. He would like to document it so that the County will address this problem.

Review for Public Meeting:

RESOLUTIONS

#11-187 Bills List

#11-188 Approval of Corrective Action Plan for 2010 Audit

#11-189 Approval of Block Party on Blanche Court September 17, 2011

#11-190 Approval of Henry & Mary McHale Family Fund, Inc. On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be drawn September 19, 2011; RL#350; ID#109-4-39163 The Mayor stated that since he is a board member of this organization he will recuse himself from this action. His family's foundation has chosen to help the Summer Recreation Program. The money will be donated in trust; first, for the cost of registration for families in need and second, to enhance the programs offered. Recreation and Social Services will be involved. Mr. Paster will work on an agreement. The golf outing and beefsteak dinner will be held September 19th.

#11-191 Endorsement of Vantage Health System Community Development Block Grant Application for 2012

#11-192 Approval of Donation of 1987 Fire Pumper

#11-193 Approval of Liquor License Application for Dumont Park Tavern

#11-194 Observance and Remembrance of 9/11 Tenth Anniversary

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

#1434 Bond Ordinance-Various 2011 Capital Improvements -\$435,000

#1435 Ordinance Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation-N.J.S.40a:4-53 for the Preparation and Execution of a Borough-wide Reassessment of the Previous Revaluation of Real Property.

Councilman Manna asked about #7 on the Best Practices questionnaire. He thought that the elected officials had to take a course. The Mayor responded that it is recommended but not required so the answer to #7 is "no".

The Councilman also inquired about #8, which asks whether there is written policy in place for employees with municipally-owned vehicles.

Another question on the Best Practices list was whether the municipality requires firefighters to have an annual heart screening. There is currently a program available in Newark which offers physicals, free of charge but it is voluntary.

Borough attorney Paster stated that in order to make changes permanent, ordinances would have to be adopted.

Councilman Carrick said that he, Councilman Manna and the Mayor met with members of the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Paster will review the Commission's Management Plan. Mayor McHale asked that he also follow up on their bylaws so that they can set up their non-profit. The Mayor also spoke to the Land Use attorney and Borough attorney regarding rezoning the arboretum. It is now in a mixed use zone and it should be changed to Parks and Recreation.

Councilman Carrick met with Alaimo Group and Vernieri Contractors tonight regarding the issue with the sprinklers at the Babe Ruth Field; a survey will be done tomorrow. The Councilman is concerned about the end date of the maintenance bond. Mr. Paster will work on that.

Councilman Carrick reported that profit from the Hut was between \$20,000 and \$22,000. Recreation and Little League will each get about \$11,000 but \$2,000 will be taken back to put toward next year.

He also asked about the 2% retainage for the Library project.

Councilman Carrick asked if the budget for next year has been worked on yet. Councilman Freeman responded that Councilman Manna, Councilwoman Zamechansky, Mr. Perkins, Chief Venezio and Chief Byrd went to tour the County Dispatch Center. The Center is waiting for a questionnaire to be returned. Councilman Carrick said that if the police would forego their 3.5% increase, it would save the laying off of police officers.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk